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* Will not work on the 6128 with data recorder.

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NORTHERN AMSTRAD COMPUTER SHOW

- STREETS AHEAD!

Proving once again that it is streets ahead of the competition, the Amstrad Computer show returns to the Manchester's G-Mex Centre, October 21st - 23rd with a record number of exhibitors.

USER CLUB STAND

The User Club will be taking a huge area which is just opposite the main entrance right next to the main Amstrad stand, and it is number B2. At the show we will have many special offers along with a superb technical support team.

MEMBERS PRIZE DRAW

At 5.00 p.m. each evening we are holding a free-to-enter software prize draw where we are giving away six software packages every night. Kindly donated by DATABASE SOFTWARE, these software packages which we are giving away at G-Mex are worth nearly £500! For the PC and PCW user we are giving away Mini Office Professional and Time and Magik, and for the CPC user, we are giving away Mini Office II and Time and Magik! There will be a host of new products at the show and some exciting new feature areas.

AMSTRAD STREET

A reconstruction of the North's most famous 'row' will demonstrate how Amstrad computers are playing a key role in business, industry and leisure in the North West. There will be the Amstrad Arms - the show's answer to the famous Rover's Return - an innovation workshop, a real live newspaper office and even an insight into the workings of one of the North West's most famous zoos.

In addition, Amstrad and more than 70 other companies are exhibiting at the show, so with all this going on we could say that the Northern Amstrad Computer Show will be right up your street!

Fill out the coupon below and hand in the right hand portion at the door to allow you to receive a £1 discount on admission. Come and visit our stand and post the left hand portion into the Prize Draw box on display and you could win one of the fabulous Database software packages. We look forward to meeting you - don't miss it!

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GOLD, SILVER BRONZE



The ultimate compilation of the greatest sporting events ever produced for the home computer. Compete against the computer or your friends and achieve a place amongst the immortals in 23 captivating events, each one a game in itself.

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non-members: £14.99 **members: £11.80**
CODE: GSB 0001 (DISC)
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A classic celebration of the greatest series of golf simulations ever produced, including - 3 games, 12 courses, unique free-standing holeguide, club length chart and score cards.

Leader Board - Welcome to the exciting world of professional golf. With amazingly realistic 3-D animation, golfers will face multiple 18-hole golf courses that demand strategy, total concentration and control to come in under par.

Leader Board Tournament - You will find these four courses more difficult than those in Leader Board and each requires excellent shot making ability to stay out of trouble.

World Class Leader Board - Now you have the opportunity to play the same courses that have challenged golf's greatest legends - St. Andrews, Doral Country Club and Cypress Creek. The fourth course designed especially for "World Class" is the "Gauntlet Country Club", only for those who have mastered the best courses in the World!

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Against a silver moon an awesome shape emerges rumbling towards its destiny ...

A classic encounter between two of the most destructive forces of their kind ever conceived by man.

The Bismarck the most fearsome battle machine to ever haunt the seas. An awesome 50,000 tons of marine destruction created by a nation intent on one goal ... world domination at all costs.

The Grumman Avenger a masterpiece of aeronautical engineering, designed specifically to combat the growing menace of warmongers and protect western fleets from attack by air and by sea.

Night Raider is the compulsive culmination of all aspects of this encounter ... absorbing strategy as you seek out the menace of the oceans and plan its destruction ... feel the thrill and excitement of combat action as you engage the enemy in aerial combat forcing your way finally to your missions goal ... destruction of the Bismarck.

CODE: RAIDER 001 (TAPE)
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PINK PANTHER



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You've seen him on the television, now play the game. You are the Pink Panther with Inspector Clouseau hot on your tail. Guide the Pink Panther round the manor houses of the rich to obtain enough money for that holiday he's always been waiting for. But beware, the owners of the manor houses are sleepwalkers and Inspector Clouseau certainly doesn't sleep.

Super game for all the family to play!
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DREAM WARRIOR

The life of three prestigious government officials have been captured by the dreaded Dream Demon. He now has the vital information to formulate his evil plans. Overcome the Two Headed Monster, the Demi-Demons and the final confrontation with the Dream Demon himself and then only you, the Dream Warrior, can save the world. Combining strategy and depth of gameplay with fast action, Dream Warrior is beyond your wildest dreams because your wildest dreams will become a nightmare ...

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ON THE RUN

You are Rick Swift, often hired by the Defence Department for dangerous missions. In your latest escapade you must enter a deadly area which has been affected by an unfortunate accident involving experiments in chemical warfare. Strange animal and plant life mutations have occurred, and the animals are now deadly to touch. You've just one hour to go in and collect six flasks of the offending chemical before they become super-active!

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PSYCHO PIGS

Finish your Smokey Bacon crisps and get you teeth into this meaty pork pie of a game from Jaleco. When the referees's whistle blows, it's trotters to the ground in the intergalactic pigsty as you take on a group of pigs all wishing to avoid this Sunday's dinner table. Put your back into it, no time for irrashernal thinking, as you gammon to the field to keep fit and lean.

Streaky movements will keep you off the scratching listings and save your bacon.

This game is not tripe but brilliantly imaginative and addictive.

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members: £6.50

CODE: PIGS 0001 (DISC)

non-members: £14.99

members: £10.70

THE VINDICATOR

Alien forces wreak havoc on our planet. The earth torn and blasted in what seemed the final war. But enough survived to uphold the laws of justice and revenge. Now one man must face the final enemy. He is The Vindicator. Across a tortured landscape against incredible odds he must battle through to the enemy stronghold, down into a maze-like corridor filled with mutated guardians until he reaches the inner sanctum of the dark overlord to strike the final blow of retribution.

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CODE: VIND 0001 (DISC)

non-members: £14.95

members: £10.50

HERCULES

Slayer of the Damned! Son of the Gods, curse of his fellow men, Hercules is set 12 awesome tasks to exonerate the sin of murdering his children. Armed with his divine fathers he sets forth to face the hideous skeleton hordes and ultimately overcome the evil Minotaur. To slay the damned is his only saviour in repenting his sins.

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CODE: HERCUL 0001 (DISC)

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THINGY AND DOODAHS

Thingy is a bit of a wally. He has broken his Amstrad and if his parents find out, his life won't be worth living. So, he has to embark on the journey of a lifetime. He must search areas of a decidedly odd world, and negotiate a maze until he finds enough money to buy a replacement AND avoid the Doodahs on the way. There are many different types of Doodahs, the most deadly of whom are the merciless Whatsisnames. Others are Thingummybobs, Whatchamacallits and So-and-So's.

CODE: THINGY 001 (TAPE)

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SUPERHERO

Wanna be a Superhero? Then this is the game for you! Fate has cast you in the role of an immortal, a superhero. To break the long, monotonous days, the gods and superheros have taken to giving each other complex puzzles to solve. Today, it's your turn to play the game, and for the very highest stakes - you MUST perform well, for all the other deities are watching you from above, ready to strip you of your immortality and status if you all fail in your quest! Luckily Venus, the goddess of love, feels sympathetic and has hidden some useful objects in some of the rooms - find these and your task will become a lot easier ...

CODE: SUPER 001 (TAPE)

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DISC BASED SOFTWARE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Non-Members	Members Sale Price
MONOP 0001	MONOPOLY	£14.95	£9.80
ARTS 0001	RAINBIRD ART STUDIO	£21.95	£14.95
BCPL 0001	BCPL (Book Required)	£24.95	£18.95
BEARS 0001	THE THREE BEARS (Aged 9-10) 6128 only.	£19.95	£14.95
BEDLAM 0001	BEDLAM	£14.99	£11.75
BIONIC 0001	BIONIC COMMANDO	£14.99	£11.70
CYBER 0001	CYBERNOID	£14.99	£9.95
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DARKSI 0001	DARK SIDE	£14.95	£10.70
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EASI 0001	EASI-ART	£16.95	£12.40
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IMPOSS 0001	IMPOSSIBLE MISSION II	£14.99	£11.74
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PAWN 0001	THE PAWN	£19.95	£13.75
PILOT 0001	FIGHT PILOT	£13.95	£9.85
WIZBAL 0001	WIZBALL	£14.95	£10.80
CALC 128	MASTERCALC	£34.95	£22.95

TAPE BASED SOFTWARE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Non-members	Members Sale Price
BOB 001	BOBSLEIGH	£9.95	£7.45
CLUEDO 001	CLUEDO	£9.95	£6.86
DAN 001	DAN DARE II	£14.95	£5.75
JEWELS 001	JEWELS OF DARKNESS	£14.95	£10.80
MONOP 001	MONOPOLY	£9.95	£6.86

MISCELLANEOUS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Non-members	Members Sale Price
AMXART	AMX MOUSE MKIII with ART (Tape & Disc supplied)	£69.99	£56.95
ANTI-128M	ANTI-GLARE SCREEN (Mono Screens)	£13.00	£10.95
ANTI-6128	ANTI-GLARE SCREEN (Colour Screens)	£14.95	£12.45

URIDIUM

The Solar system is under attack! Enemy Super Dreadnoughts have been placed in orbit around each of the fifteen planets in this galactic sector. They are draining mineral resources from the planetary cores for use in their interstellar power units. Each Super - Dreadnought seeks out a different metal for its metal convertor. Your Manta class space Fighter will be transported to each planet in turn and it is your task to destroy each Dreadnought. First you must attack the defensive screen of enemy fighters, then you must neutralise the majority of surface defences before you land on the Super - Dreadnought's master runway.

CODE: URID001 (TAPE)

non-members: £1.99 members: £1.70

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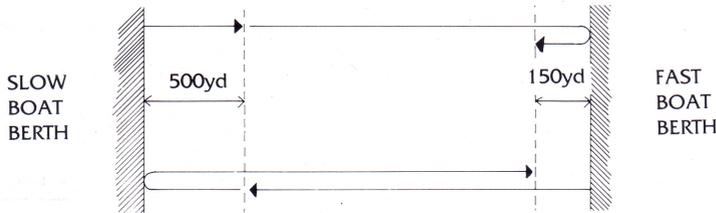
COMPETITION

LAST MONTHS WINNER

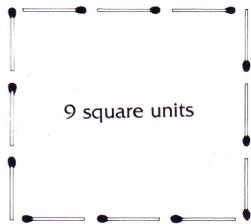
Obviously we have many wise members out there judging from the response to last month's competition! The luck as well as the wisdom though belongs to THOMAS DEFOE aged 13 from Bishop's Stortford in Herts, whose correct answer was to share the 8 gold coins between the two men in accordance with their contributions of feed means that each gold coin represents one third of a sandwich, so that the first man should have 7 gold coins, and the second man should have one. Well done Thomas, your £25 credit voucher is winging it's way to you now.

THIS MONTHS COMPETITION

This months teaser was kindly sent into us by Mr. David Turner from Rotherham, Yorks, who was complaining that our competitions were becoming too easy! Hopefully this will be a tougher test for the old grey matter, and Mr Turner will receive a £10 credit voucher for tormenting you all to distraction! BOTH parts of the competition have to be correct this month to even be considered for a honorary place in the cut-down beer barrel!



- 1) Two ferryboats ply the same river. If the fast boat and the slow boat start at the same time, pass 500 yards from the slow boat berth, take exactly the same time on turn-around and pass again 150 yards from the fast boat berth, how wide is the river?
- 2) Rearrange these matches to enclose a space of only 4 square units without breaking, shortening or bending any.



LAMPOST

Mr. R. Wakefield of West Sussex writes:

Dear Editor:
I have a CPC 6128 and use it regularly with Supercalc 2. My spreadsheets entail the use of entering dates in columns on an invoice, usually today's date as I never enter an invoice of more than two days old. I have searched through the manual for a command that can do this, but there does not seem to be one for this purpose. Is there such a command or any short cut that I can use?

Yours sincerely,
R. Wakefield

EDITOR REPLIES:

There is in actual fact a command that will put today's date in the current active cell.
If you load CP/M+ and then once loaded swap the CP/M+ disc with the SuperCalc 2 working disc and type DATTIM then press return. It will then prompt you to enter the Date and Time. Once you have done this it will return you to the A> Prompt, at this point type SC2 to load the program. If you must now type TODAY the date will be entered in the cell the cursor is currently occupying. This can be repeated in as many cells as you wish.

T.G. Simmonds from the British Forces writes:

Dear Editor:
In the August '88 edition of AMDATA you answer a query about Protex for Mr. Ingelhop. Although you are correct in telling him to type in GERMAN in the command mode, this is not the entire story, as this will only result in German characters being displayed on the VDU.

In order to print German characters on a printer, the software command ESC+R+3 must be sent to the printer.
This can be accomplished by using the Protex 'Output Command' instruction ie.

>OC 27,R,3
This command can be placed at the heading of the text, or before any line using German characters.

To return to English, the command is -
>OC 27,R,2

I hope that this information will prove useful to you.

Yours faithfully,
T.G. Simmonds.

EDITOR REPLIES:

Thank you for your reply to Mr. Ingelhop's letter. I'm sure your advice will be welcomed by many more of our members who use Protex, as the recent flood of queries to our Technical department about the package is further proof of its popularity!

Mr. M. Smith from York writes:

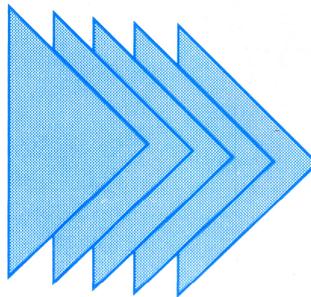
Dear Editor:
I have just bought Tasprint 464 for use with Tasword 6128 and can't get it to work with my DMP 2160 printer. Please could you tell me how to install Tasprint for the printer and how to use it with Tasword?

EDITOR REPLIES:

To install Tasprint for a DMP 2160 printer, run the Tasprint program and select option N for the DMP 2000 printer. Once the printer is selected, you are then asked for the number of characters per line. After this, the program asks if the printer is set up for automatic line feed or if it requires a line feed code. Here you must select the A option for automatic linefeed. You will now be asked to save the font onto a blank disc. When you want to install the Fonts with Tasword, go to the main Tasword menu and select the INSTALL TASPRTN option. Insert your disc with the Fonts on and press return. To use the Fonts you use the printer control codes V to Z accessed by pressing the space bar and control key together. These codes must be in upper case to be implemented.

Prices are correct at time of going to press - all prices include V.A.T.

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EXIT



AMSChat

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!!

Mr. Cooper contacted us recently from the West Midlands with a plea for help. Several months ago he bought the game "Murder on the Atlantic" for his son who was not finding it particularly interesting. When asked for help, Mr. Cooper managed to clarify a few areas of the game for his son, but not being avid game players they still weren't able to get very far themselves. Since the game is now discontinued, neither the suppliers nor the manufacturers can help Mr. Cooper. If there are any members who have any hints or tips and would like to enter into correspondence with Mr. Cooper, would they please contact Gary O'Donnell of the Customer Services Department, or alternatively, send your tips to Gary directly. Thanks!



BEING BUGGED?

Members with a CPC 6128 who have tried using a double-sided disc drive under CP/M Plus have found that even after patching the XDPB the second drive still will not work. This is caused by a bug in the Disc Driver Section of the BIOS, but luckily it's an easy one to fix. Load the "EMS" file into a debugger from address 0100h onwards, change the byte at address OEA8h from 0A1 to 091h, then save back to the disc as a new "EMS" file



PROTECTION PLAN

Many people have asked how they can protect certain files and still be able to write to other files on the same disc using CP/M+ on a 6128. There is a command file on the CP/M+ disc called SET.COM. Using this command allows you to protect and unprotect files on the disc. To protect a file at the A> prompt you would type SET drive: filename (RO). If you want to unprotect the file you would replace the RO with RW in the square brackets.
FOR EXAMPLE:
SET B: TEST.DOC (RO). This will set TEST.DOC on drive B to read only.



HELP!!

I was given a CPC 6128 as a present recently which is great, but I need help with programming my machine. I am also having problems with cassettes not loading, even though I have a separate cassette player attached correctly. Is there anyone in the Canterbury/Ashford (KENT) area who could give me tuition/help as I'm only 10 years old and the manuals are hard for me to understand. Please ring my mother after 6 p.m. on 0233 75239 if you can help, many thanks Aaron Wickem.